Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 7, line 22 and ending at page 8, line 6 to read, as follows.

--Fig. 1 shows an image forming apparatus according to a first embodiment as an example of the image forming apparatus according to the present invention. The image forming apparatus shown in Fig. 1 is a four-color, ~~four-color~~ full-color copying machine of an electrophotographic type using an intermediate transferring belt (intermediate transferring member, and Fig. 1 is a vertical cross-sectional view schematically showing the construction thereof. The copying machine shown in Fig. 1 is designed as a digital compound machine having, besides the copying function, a printer function and a facsimile function.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 14, line 10 and ending at page 15, line 7 to read, as follows.

--The toner images of the four colors thus formed on the intermediate transferring belt 13 are secondary-transferred at a secondary transferring position (secondary transferring portion) T2. A secondary transferring roller 18 is brought into contact with that portion of the intermediate transferring belt 13 which is passed over the secondary transferring opposed roller 17, and the secondary transferring position T2 is formed between the intermediate transferring belt 13 and the secondary transferring roller 18. A recording ~~material P~~ material P, which moves in a direction indicated by the arrow K, is supplied from a feeding cassette (not shown) to this secondary transferring position T2. The recording material P contained in the feeding cassette is supplied to the secondary

transferring position T2 in such a manner as to be timed with the toner images on the intermediate transferring belt 13 by a feed roller, conveying rollers and registration rollers (all not shown). At this time, a secondary transferring bias is applied to the secondary transferring roller 18 by a secondary transferring bias voltage source (not shown), whereby the toner images of the four colors on the intermediate transferring belt 13 are collectively secondary-transferred onto the recording material P.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 17, line 21 and ending at page 17, line 27 to read, as follows.

--The charge voltage of the surface of the photosensitive drum when the main charge Vpp is raised rises from -200V when auxiliary charging is absent, but rises from -500V when auxiliary charging is present. Vpp converging to a desired a voltage of -700 V ~~voltage -700V~~ becomes the same in both cases, and the discharge current also becomes the same in both cases.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 18, line 25 and ending at page 19, line 3 to read, as follows.

--The present embodiment is an improvement in the system shown in the first embodiment wherein a problem arises when the discharge ~~vomits~~ of the transfer residuals accumulated on the surface layer of the auxiliary charging roller 3 are collected by the developing device.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 20, line 3 and ending at page 20, line 14 to read, as follows.

--Also in a four-color, ~~four-color~~ full-color image forming apparatus, the frequency of use of the developing device 9 for black by black characters is very high and therefore, the rate of use of the black toner included in a total output image is very high. For example, when the number of image forming sheets is a base, there is an investigation that Bk output total output (full-color output + Bk output) amounts to 0.5 to 0.9, and it is very effective in respect of a low running cost to make the developing device 9 for black maintenance-free.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 22, line 17 and ending at page 23, line 4 to read, as follows.

--Also, in this construction, the auxiliary charging roller 3 upstream of the elastic blade 20 forcibly strips off the toner, the extraneous additive and firmly sticking discharge product on the photosensitive drum 1, and thereafter softly returns the stripped-off materials without causing them to be secured onto the photosensitive drum 1. Accordingly, as compared with the case described in connection with the conventional art that the auxiliary charging roller 3 is absent and the elastic blade alone is present, the abutting pressure of the elastic blade 20 against the photosensitive drum 1 can be reduced and therefore, such problems in durability as the chatter and wire edge of the elastic blade 20, and nicking ~~the nick~~ of the blade itself can be solved.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 23, line 13 and ending at page 23, line 22 to read, as follows.

--The present embodiment is improved so that on the supposition that in the image forming apparatus according to the aforedescribed first embodiment, during a so-called jam such as a paper jam, the toner images developed on the photosensitive drum 1 are not transferred to the intermediate transferring belt 13, but arrive at the auxiliary charging roller 3 and the toner contamination of the auxiliary charging roller 3 occurs, the auxiliary charging roller 3 may not contaminated by the toners even during a jam.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 24, line 4 and ending at page 24, line 16 to read, as follows.

--In the present embodiment, the cleaning apparatus 19 is disposed at the above-described location and therefore, in a case where during a so-called jam such as a paper jam, the toner images developed on the photosensitive drum 1 have not been transferred, even when a great deal of toners are carried from the primary transferring position T1 with the rotation of the photosensitive drum 1, the toners can be wiped out by the elastic blade 20 of the cleaning apparatus 19 and be collected into the cleaning container 21 and thus, the extreme toner contamination of the auxiliary charging roller 3 can be prevented effectively.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 24, line 27 and ending at page 25, line 11 to read, as follows.

--Accordingly, in the present embodiment, there is adopted a construction in which the abutting pressure of the elastic blade 20 is reduced to thereby avoid such problems in durability as the chatter and wire edge of the elastic blade 20 and nicking ~~the nick~~ of the blade itself and only the toners and the extraneous additive are removed, while on the other hand, the discharge product is stripped off by the auxiliary charging roller 3 present downstream of the elastic blade 20. That is, the functional separation concerning the cleaning is effected by the elastic blade 20 and the auxiliary charging roller 3.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 25, line 22 and ending at page 26, line 1 to read, as follows.

--While in the above-described first to third embodiments, a description has been made by taking as an example a case where the image forming apparatus is four-color, ~~four-color~~ full-color image forming apparatus, the present invention is not restricted thereto, but can of course also be applied to a single-color image forming apparatus.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 26, line 23 and ending at page 27, line 6 to read, as follows.

--(b) there has heretofore been the problem that the life of the elastic blade 20 is short due to the chatter, wire edge and nicking [[nick]] of the blade occurring when the photosensitive drum 1 high in the hardness of the surface thereof is cleaned by the elastic blade, but according to the present invention, the elastic blade 20 can be positively eliminated, or when not eliminated, can be made low in its abutting pressure against the

surface of the photosensitive drum 1 and therefore, the cleaning apparatus 19 can be given sufficient durability; and--